

ALBERTA Native News



Hon. Don Mazankowski



Chief Walter Twinn

Transport Minister Opens New Service Facility For Northern Alberta Truckers

Slave Lake — A unique new service for truckers and other travellers in Northern Alberta, The Sawridge Truck Stop, was officially opened here Saturday, January 25 by Canada's Transport Minister, Hon. Don Mazankowski and Sawridge Indian Band Chief Walter Twinn.

"The Sawridge Indian Band and their Chief Walter Twinn are to be congratulated for their foresight and initiative in the development of this obviously much needed facility," said Mazankowski just prior to cutting a ribbon and declaring The Sawridge Truck Stop officially open.

The Sawridge Truck Stop is located immediately to the east of the Town of Slave Lake on Highway #67, just north of the junction with Highway #2. It is

located on Reserve land and is the only facility of its type owned and operated by a Canadian Indian Band.

In addition to its super-large, paved parking areas and fuel islands specifically designed to handle large trucks, the facility incorporates a 100-seat, licensed restaurant, a large-vehicle tire repair service, a truckers' lounge complete with private shower facilities, and also houses the Greyhound bus depot for Slave Lake.

At a banquet for special guests following the ribbon cutting ceremony, Canada's Transport Minister paid tribute to the leadership role being played by the Sawridge Indian Band and their Chief, Walter Twinn.

"The new Sawridge

Truck Stop is very impressive," he said.

"It will provide a good service to the motoring public and is another example of the way in which the Sawridge Band have been able to turn challenges and opportunities into successful business ventures."

"The good management capabilities and foresight of Chief Walter Twinn and his Band have been translated into action and are a good example for all of us to follow."

Mayor Pally Pily of the Town of Slave Lake added his tribute on behalf of the town stating that the enterprise and foresight of Chief Walter Twinn and his Band in providing special services for the travelling public have helped to turn Slave Lake into a major transportation center

and "the Gateway to Northern Alberta."

Responding to his well-wishers, Chief Twinn stated that The Sawridge Truck Stop has been operating for about a year now and has proven to be financially successful. But, he added, "We have been careful not to take anything away from other businesses in the Town of Slave Lake."

"Our truck stop has been located on Reserve land because of the problems associated with obtaining permission to locate a facility of this type off the reserve. This is the only project undertaken on the reserve," he added, "and has added 70 jobs to the total employment available in this community."

The biggest problem we have put to the community is that of

finding housing for the new people coming to our community to work."

"And," he added, "we are trying to help resolve that problem and in mid-February will open a new 56-unit apartment complex behind the Band's recently expanded Sawridge Motor Hotel. A total of 50 of the units in this new facility have already been committed," he commented.

"Our new Sawridge Truck Stop was built in response to a need we saw for the trucking industry serving the Peace River Country via Highway #2 and the vast areas of central northern Alberta between Slave Lake and Fort Vermilion — an area currently subject to intense oil and gas exploration and development activity."

"Our facility is open 24 hours a day and is currently servicing an average of 900 customers each day in the restaurant. While the restaurant is overcrowded at times, we have no plans to increase its size, as we do not want to pull customers away from establishments in the town of Slave Lake.

"The only changes we are considering for the Truck Stop at this time, is the addition of a truck wash," stated Chief Twinn. "Trucks coming in off the mud and gravel roads often find that the load of mud they carry can make the difference between legal and overweight status for the highway south. I anticipate we may start construction of the truck wash early this spring."

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Paul Band Resisting CNR Plan

by Hy Chapparel

After listening to evidence from Canadian National Railway executives and the Paul Band elders over a land dispute, the Canadian Transport Commission (CTC) has reserved judgement in order to study the issue more thoroughly.

At a public hearing held in Stony Plain January 7 and 8, the Paul Band expressed great disappointment with the way the Department of Indian Affairs (DIA) has handled the case. Elders claim the government is trying to provoke the band to take some action to physically stop CNR trains. Band members feel that the government is intent on using such tactics to justify the taking of Native lands, but so far, the Paul Band has resisted temptation.

The CNR has been

trying to negotiate with the Paul Band for a strip of land to double-track their system for the past three years. But the band has strongly objected to any such move, and have said in court that the CTC has no jurisdiction to give the company the go-ahead. The case has now been referred to the Federal Court of Appeal.

While the CNR was making its presentation to the CTC, the band asked the DIA to intervene on the application. Apparently, the government has now

decided to throw its support behind the band, even though it never followed through on a pledge to present a defense.

Nearly two and a half years ago, CTC handed down a decision in favour of the CNR to build the second line. Six months later, in February 1984, the Federal Court of Appeal granted the band application to repeal the decision.

Band members allege the DIA was 'negligent' in their efforts to defend Native rights. The

band is also arguing that provisions of the new Charter of Rights and Freedoms protect the disposition of Indian lands.

The Paul Band has always been concerned about the impact of double-tracking. Chief Enoch Bird wants the CNR to slow their trains down when passing over Indian lands, but the company has refused.

As of now, the band is prepared to wait for a decision by the CTC before deciding on their next course of action.

New Service Facility — continued

A successful business man in his own right, Chief Twinn has led the Sawridge Band for more than twenty years building a solid economic base for this North Central Alberta Band of native people.

Under his guidance, the Band has gained a reputation as one of Canada's most progressive bands in the utilization of its economic development potential, and today is involved in a number of different business enterprises, primarily off-reserve.

These projects includes the Sawridge Motor Hotel in Slave Lake, the first Indian enterprise of its type to be located off a reserve and the only facility of its type to be financed, built and operated by native people.

The Slave Lake Hotel is in the process of opening a new section of opening a new section of 62 new rooms bringing the total number of rooms up to 181. A further expansion, almost completed, will add a new banquet and convention facility which the Sawridge boasts will make it the largest and most modern and complete convention facility north of Edmonton.

Another major Band project is the Sawridge Hotel Jasper, the newest Hotel facility in Jasper National Park. It is believed to be the largest, non-government funded Indian project

in North America at a cost of approximately twenty million dollars. The Hotel has 154 rooms, a coffee shop, a dining room with the second largest free-standing fireplace in North America, two lounges, full banquet (350 seat) and large convention facilities, meeting rooms, a pool, a jacuzzi, a hot tub and

a sauna. A forty-four suite apartment complex, housing staff, was also built on site with the hotel.

In addition to its many current enterprises, the Sawridge Band has expansion plans which include construction of a 100,000 square foot shopping mall for the Town of Slave Lake.

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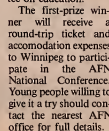
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— if you have no special interests, use a game.

3. Find out how to get help while you're

using the disk.

— some 'help' is built into the software. — sometimes 'help' is best got from the book which usually accompanies the software.

4. Use it for a while. Do the easy functions first. Write down problems as you encounter them; find someone to ask later.

5. Once comfortable with your first type of disk, try a second. There are usually a lot of similarities between the software of one company so try to identify these similarities when trying a new piece of software.

Some computers are easier to operate than others. The 'Mac', for example is easier than many for the following reasons:

- You don't have to remember keyboard commands. The 'pull-down' menus are easy to use and always available.

- It is lightweight, easy

to carry, and very common as a personal computer or an 'extra' in the office.

- There is a lot of advertising, magazines, and literature available on using the Mac.

- The Mac (and others) uses a 'mouse' to give the computer commands. This takes the pressure off using the keyboard a lot, so if your typing skills aren't the best, you'll appreciate this feature.

There are many other types of computers that also fall into

this category so if the opportunity arise look around and ask the person to give you a demonstration. There are several computer shows designed just for this — to encourage a potential customer to get friendly with the machine.

Now lets assume you've taken a computer course. Perhaps you've learned how to program your own material? You might find that there is so much software out there that you do not

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Education Falling Under Indian Control

by Jim Crow

At the request of the B.C. Indian Education Task Force, and other Indian groups, the minister of Indian and Northern Affairs, David Crombie, has agreed to open up the federal-provincial Indian education agreement for discussion among all three parties.

The agreement provides \$35 million annually to the British Columbia government to distribute among Indian elementary and secondary school boards there.

"As part of the federal government's thrust to return self-government to the Indian communities, it is important to find ways to increase Indian

participation in decision-making affecting their lives," the minister said. "Clearly one way is to ensure that Indian parents and Indian communities have some voice in how their children are to be educated."

"Every Indian band the tribal council I met in B.C. — where Indian education was discussed — asked that the Master Tuition Agreement be opened for discussion. For that reason, I wrote this week to the minister for education in B.C., and informed him of

my desire to begin talks immediately for an agreement in the new fiscal year," said Crombie.

Dr. Owen Anderson, regional director-general of B.C. Indian Affairs, has been asked to meet with B.C. education officials at the earliest possible date. Anderson will also meet with the B.C. Indian Education Task Force, an organization representing most of the province's 197 Indian bands and 27 tribal councils, as well as various Indian associations.

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Cree Band Likely To Get Reserve

by Sy Sims

Indians Affairs Minister David Crombie indicated that the Fort Chipewyan Cree Band, located close to the west end of Lake Athabasca, may indeed get a reserve of their own by the end of the year.

Several weeks ago the minister disclosed that at the earliest opportunity, he will "take the proposed agreement to Cabinet for ratification". The agreement must also be ratified by the federal Indian Affairs and Environment departments, and by the Fort Chipewyan Cree Band itself.

Under the proposed agreement, the federal government would

guarantee the band two square kilometres of land at Peace Point in Wood Buffalo National Park, and \$24 million. The band would also retain their traditional hunting, trapping and fishing rights in the park.

The province of Alberta is prepared to provide the band with approximately 24,000 acres of land, an as yet undetermined amount of cash, and surface rights to the land outside the park.

Chief Archie Waquan said the agreement would contain a clause that gives the band the right to negotiate for more land so new Status Indians can be accommodated on the reserve.

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Groups or individuals interested in making submissions at the Boyle meeting should contact Council member Mary Bennett in Elk Point at 724-2456 or the Northern Development Branch in Peace River at 624-6274.



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by Sy Sims

With an number of important legal and constitutional decisions in the offing for Alberta's Native population, a task force comprised of Elders from most of the reserves in the province has been established.

The motion to create a task force was first put forward by John Samson from Hobbema. In subsequent discussions, Indian Association of Alberta (IAA) president Wilf McDougall agreed that the idea would prove invaluable in his efforts to reach all the bands

in the province.

At a recent IAA Elders Conference staged at the Sarcee Reserve, senior leaders came together to discuss concrete action on vital issues. McDougall said that if the task force experiences any funding problems, the IAA would help support the group.

Cordon Crowchild, a Sarcee band member, motioned that John Samson, a former IAA president, be chosen to lead the task force. The motion was accepted.

In one of its first orders of official business, the task force called on the federal

government not to draft or implement any legislation pertaining to Treaty Indian issues without first consulting Indian leaders and bands.

A number of Elders complained that the federal government has been pushing through one piece of legislation after another without any consultation. Adam Soloway, a Blackfoot Elder, reiterated that it is up to the task force to make the federal government understand that Indian peoples are "the original owners of this land".

"As Elders, we must

look to the future of our children and grandchildren. If we do nothing, then there'll be nothing left for our children. We have to form a new power from the Elders," said Soloway.

Soloway also made a motion to unify Treaties 6, 7, and 8 so that Alberta Natives can be heard with one strong voice on issues such as land base rights, housing, education, and social services.



Chief Still Leary After Shooting

by Jim Crow

Beaver Indian Band Chief Harvey Bulldog is fearful his life, and those of his loved ones, may still be in jeopardy. In late December, while watching television in his mobile home at Boyer River, about 20 kilometres northwest of Fort Vermilion, a lone gunman began taking potshots at him.

The first bullet struck the outside window casing that Bulldog was walking in front of, lodging just above his head. Bulldog ducked quickly

and started running through the residence to the back washroom, where he laid on the floor. "The guy could see me all the way," he said.

Corporal Eichmann, an RCMP officer stationed at the Fort Vermilion detachment, said the culprit was found the morning of the shooting, and subsequently charged with careless use of a firearm.

Dwight Fournier, a member of the Boyer River Reserve, will appear in court February 4 in Fort Vermilion.

After a trip to the Justice of the Peace, Fournier was released under this own recognizance, with certain conditions imposed.

Chief Bulldog feels he has a good idea why

Fournier would try to kill him. Several months ago, the Fournier house was burnt to the ground. Although no one has yet been charged with the arson, Bulldog suspects Dwight Fournier has fingered him for the incident.

Chief Bulldog feels the RCMP are treating the shooting too non-

chalantly. But officer Eichmann, a 14-year veteran with the force, said that careless use of a firearm is an indictable offense that carries very serious implications.

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Due to some concern about classification, a notice was sent to property owners within 200 feet of the proposed store site.

Positive Action Against Pornography, a non-profit registered society made-up of women and men acted within its mandate to inform the public about the issue of pornography, and contacted members of the

community to make sure they were aware of this application.

On December 18th, 1985, the *Ukrainian News Publishers Ltd.* lodged an appeal.

On January 23rd, 1986 *Ukrainian News Publishers Ltd.* along with *McCauley-Boyle Community League*, *St. Joseph's Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral*, *St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral*, *Sacred Heart School*, *Academy Photo Studio*, *Boyle Street Center*, *Edmonton Family Worship Center*, *McCauley Community Housing Co-Op*, *King's College*, and many concerned

members of the community expressed their concerns to the Development Appeal Board.

Armed with petitions containing 1,200 names, photos of the area, a map of the community with reference to the close proximity of schools, churches and residential homes, and over 30 letters of support they conducted their appeal.

The Development Appeal Board cautioned the group that they could not reject the application based on a moralistic decision but would base their decision on By-Law and Developmental infringements.

The community choose to appeal the application on the grounds that:

1) this type of business would disturb the peace and tranquility of the neighbourhood

2) undesirable people would be attracted from the rest of the city to your community

3) this type of business was not the type that community members wanted their children exposed to (as many would have to pass right by on their way to and from school)

4) undesirable clients attracted to the community could intimidate and discourage customers from frequenting adjacent businesses

5) property values would decrease due to this type of business

6) parking and traffic flow problems were anticipated

7) this type of business would not be in keeping with the intent of the McCauley-Boyle Street Area Redevelopment plan (its aim being to revitalize the inner city community and to create a healthy family orientated community)

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More Incentives For Native Business

by Sy Sims

A major project among Fort Chipewyan is among a number of sites that will help bolster Aboriginal self-reliance in their drive to become more economically independent.

The National Economic Development Program, a five-year federal government initiative, will administer \$345 million to fund suitable projects.

A contribution of \$500,000 has been made to a Native corporation for the construction of an office building in Alberta. The grant to Cree-Chip

Development Corporation, located in Fort Chip, will assist in the construction of a \$2.9 million office complex. The corporation is jointly owned by the Cree and Chipewyan bands in the area.

During the 10 month construction period, it is estimated between 15 and 20 jobs will be created for Native workers. The office complex will provide space for the government of Alberta, the federal Department of Indian and Northern Affairs, and both the Athabasca Cree and Fort Chipewyan Indian bands.

Profits generated from the leases will be used by the corporation for future economic

development of the two bands and their members.

Other Grants

A \$45,900 contribution under the Native Economic Development Program (NEDP), to the Alberta-based Indian Equity Foundation has

also been sealed. The contribution will assist the foundation to conduct an analysis of economic development prospects, and to undertake a five-year business plan.

Incorporated in November 1976, the Foundation provides subordinate, interest-

free loans to a maximum of \$50,000, for viable business enterprises that are owned or controlled by Status Indians in Alberta.

The only other Alberta business to receive a contribution was the Fox Creek Development Association. A \$137,000 grant

will assist the association, located in Hinton, to expand their logging operation.

The planned expansion will help preserve the operation's 13 jobs, all of which are held by Native people, as well as enable the company to hire an Aboriginal as a manager-trainee.

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It's the latest idea to promote Kentucky Fried Chicken's newest menu item of bit size whole pieces of chicken seasoned with the Colonel's special batter 'n spices.

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1. *What, Exactly, are Kentucky Nuggets?*

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Nuggets are seasoned with the eleven herbs and spices from the original Colonel's recipe.

Nuggets are pressure-cooked, just like the flagship product, Kentucky Fried Chicken.

3. *How do Kentucky Nuggets differ from other nuggets?*

There are three major differences. Kentucky Nuggets are made from whole pieces of chicken, while some others are made from chopped chicken

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Kentucky Nuggets are made with a blend of the Colonel's spices. Others are not.

Kentucky Nuggets are pressure-cooked for tenderness, while others are simply deep-fried.

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6. *Can I re-heat Kentucky Nuggets at home?*

Yes, Kentucky Nuggets can be re-heated in the oven or microwave, but of course, they are best eaten fresh.

7. *How many calories are there in Kentucky Nuggets?*

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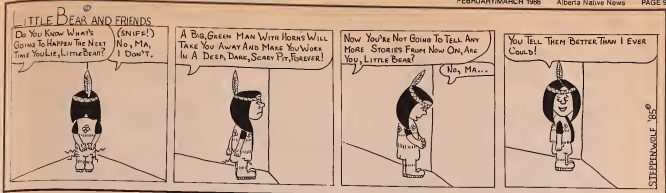
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City Administration and Urban Natives

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Brent Parisien is a former amateur wrestling champion. Now the closest he gets to wrestling is when he wends his way down Regina's many one-way streets in rush hour. Parisien has become one of five native transit drivers recently hired by the City of Regina on recommendation of the Mayor's Task Force on

Indian and Metis Initiatives.

"I'm kinda young to be a pioneer," grins the 23 year old Parisien, "but I guess I am. When native people get on the bus and ask me if I'm native, they get a nice smile on their face when I say 'yes!'"

A Task Force on Indian and Metis Initiatives, established by the City of Regina in

1982, "has opened a lot of doors," according to Tony Cote, a native Task Force member.

In '82, Regina had the highest number of natives per capita of any city in Canada, and a native unemployment rate three times that of the city's non-native population. Recognizing the alarming lack of opportunit-

ies for native people, Mayor Larry Schneider put together the Task Force. It consisted of six voting members — Mayor Schneider, two aldermen, and three native representatives — and a non-voting Advisory Committee.

The issue which triggered the task force was unemployment, making it the top priority. In addition to hiring native transit drivers, firefighters, and

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Boxing Great Dies

by Jim Crow

Canadian Hall of Fame boxing great Scotty McGrandle, one of the most colourful sports personalities this country has ever produced, died last month at the age of 73.

McGrandle, who trained boxers for some 25 years, was inducted into the Hall in 1982. One of his greatest accomplishments had to be the ring grooming and refining of his son Billy, who captured the

Canadian featherweight championship in 1965.

Scotty also trained the former Canadian lightweight title-holder, Allen Ford.

Born in Dumbarton, Scotland, Scotty fought in more than 150 fights during his own career before moving to Canada in 1957 to become a trainer. Perhaps his biggest disappointment came when Johan Louw, a middleweight with great potential, fought unsuccessfully for the Commonwealth title.

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- Read and interpret written information correctly
- Listen well, making notes and asking questions when appropriate
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- Enjoy solving problems
- Display interest and concern in the well-being of the Band

There are many more valuable skills learned in the trades, in various occupations and job experiences, and in regular studies. Practical skills combined with a good education is always a winner!

Have you ever taken a moment to list all your skills? You'll have quite an offering for your organization if you're prepared to sharpen those skills and plan some time for training.

An important element that cements these skills together is attitude — you can't measure it, count it, or teach it. It's up to the individual how to use it.

Because of the increasing economic competition between regions, each Administration is faced with getting its people to maintain a positive attitude toward changes, toward taking further training, and toward applying that training to the best of their abilities. To move a people forward, it's necessary to get the jobs; to get the jobs, it's necessary to keep up with training. When the individual is strong, so is the group.

Some attitude requirements for Band Administration include these:

- Good communications skills
- A sound education or training
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Women Seeking Their Own Reserve

by Sy Sims

The president of Indian Rights for Indian Women, Jenny Margetts, said reinstated women who've been either rejected by their hands, or simply can't find space to live on the reserve, are now seeking a reserve of their own.

Margetts said a large

number of women are angry and dismayed because of the open discrimination shown on many reserves. "We're not going to sit back and accept this anymore. We don't want to fight with our people, so we're searching for a positive solution," she explained.

The president said

the request she's making on behalf of out-cast Indian women is not idealistic, considering the kind of treatment they've endured upon returning to their reserve. Pahl cautioned however, that the ramifications of Bill C-31 relate only to Status membership, not Treaty land entitlements.

"The only basis on which additional reserves could be established is if individuals have a Treaty entitlement that was never fulfilled," Pahl stated. Nevertheless, Pahl indicated he would look into the problem to see if anything can be worked out.

Don Murphy, acting regional-director with

the Department of Indian Affairs, said he hadn't heard of any negotiations for creating new reserves. "The federal government hasn't made that kind of commitment to my knowledge. The DIA has however, allowed for additional funds to ensure that the current level of services is not diluted because of the

effects of Bill C-31," he explained.

Margetts holds a more optimistic view. "There's a lot of Crown land available in the province, and now it's just a matter of negotiating for a reserve. It's mostly women who want to live there because no one else will take them back."

A Radio First For NWT Natives

by Hy Chapparel

Last month the very first native radio station in the Northwest Territories hit the airwaves, broadcasting music, news and information from its headquarters in Yellowknife.

CKNM Radio, located at 101.9 on the FM dial, broadcasts 12 hours a day to some 12 communities around the Territories. Broadcast manager Bernelda Wheeler said the station's official opening will take place sometime in March. "We'll be interviewing a number of people to find out their views about our Native radio station but the event will be mainly a celebration," she noted.

Currently, there are two hours of locally produced radio programs from 10 am to noon, in two Native languages — Slavey and Loucheux. The programs include news, weather, sports, community reports and jazz features.

Wheeler indicated the station still needs three Dene language announcers for Dogrib, Chipewyan and North Slavey.

"In the near future there will be regular reports on major Native organizations, as well as updates of reports on a weekly basis," said Wheeler. "And there'll be a lot of Native language programs, translations of news, and public affairs stories."

Most of the programs will reflect Native culture and traditions that have long been a vital element in the lives of NWT peoples. Wheeler said she was planning a program called *'The Circle of Life'*, which recognizes the various life cycles from birth to death.

Metis Leaders Reflect On Coming Changes

In a forum sponsored by the Native Students' Club at the University of Alberta, Metis leaders held similar opinions on how best to deal with Aboriginal self-determination issues.

The forum, just one of many leading up to Native Awareness Days February 24-28 at the

school, featured prominent Metis leaders such as Metis Association of Alberta Local 1885 president, Stan "Butch" Plante, Local 1885 board member Bill Haineault, and MAA president, Sam Sinclair.

Sinclair began the proceedings by talking about the impact of

First Ministers' Conferences on Natives. He also detailed the make-up of the Metis Council, a body that represents Metis interests in the four western provinces and northern Ontario.

Sinclair emphasized that his body is concentrating on a strategy for the 1987 First Ministers' Conference. To be successful, said Sinclair, means better communication between Natives and white people.

Stan Plante told the audience that former prime minister Pierre Trudeau wanted to see Natives recognized

during the repatriation constitutional process, but couldn't get the support of the provincial premiers.

Plante also stressed the need to develop more powerful Native political institutions. He noted the land base issue is very crucial to the interests of Natives, but it's also quite complicated — especially so on legal matters.

Plante also spoke about self-determination, and what it will mean to Natives right across the country. The expected changes, he said, will have a profound effect on many areas of Native life.

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Native Crafts Need New Focus

by Jim Crow

"Change has to happen in the Native art scene if it is to flourish, but the Native people themselves have to be the ones to make the change," said Martha

Campioui, a well-known Native artist.

Campioui said there were two important ingredients that will help Natives shift the focus of their arts and crafts. "First, Natives must regain their pride

and integrity in the traditional crafting of mukluks, jewellery and other items. Second, they must get together and set up a system in which Natives are effectively marketing their Native crafts,

rather than allowing their work to be sold through white-dominated outlets."

A major problem among Native craftsmen, said Campioui, is that they often lose sight of what they are

doing.

These days, items such as mukluks and parkas are viewed primarily as money-making, not articles of clothing. Tourists now buy them as Christmas gifts and display pieces.

"Unfortunately, non-Native peoples don't want to pay the price that Natives demand, so the artists end up just throwing the articles together without regard for traditional styles or utility," explained Campioui.

"If you can only get between \$45 and \$145 for a pair of mukluks, when the fur alone costs at least half the selling price, then obviously you're not going to spend hours on the beading or stitching. There's

simply no profit margin in it."

Campioui feels very strongly that Native crafts must be designed with traditional patterns and colour schemes in mind. And the products must be durably made. "Native people have the skills and talent to be able to make things that can be worn all the time."

Campioui's interest in the Native craft economy began shortly after she developed her own skills as a crafts-woman. She specializes in leather clothing, and often sells it as well.

Campioui's ultimate goal is to unite Native artists in the province, starting with the people of northern Alberta, especially in the Lesser Slave Lake area.

Conference On Indian-Provincial Government Relations

The third of a series of conferences on Indian government will take place at the University of Lethbridge during April 22-25. Funded by the Alberta Law Foundation and

the University of Lethbridge, the conference will focus on provincial-Indian relationships, particularly as they effect evolving Indian government.

Organizers of the

conference are Menno Boldt, J. Anthony Long, and Leroy Little Bear of the University of Lethbridge.

The purpose of the conference is to bring together Indian leaders, provincial and federal government officials, as well as practicing lawyers, academics, members of the business community, and others with an interest in provincial-Indian relationships and issues.

During the course of the conference the following topics will be explored:

(1) the legal/jurisdictional issues that

exist between Indians and provinces, particularly with respect to evolving Indian government;

(2) the historical evolution and current stage of the relationship between Indians and the provinces with reference to policies, programs, services, administrative processes and structures;

(3) the role of the province in the constitutional process regarding a definition of aboriginal rights; and

(4) the nature of aboriginal relationships to second-level governments in the territories as well as in the United States and Australia.

The conference will contribute to a clarification of the issues that confront Indian people and provincial governments in their relationship to each other, as well as suggesting how these problems might be resolved.

Those interested in attending are asked to contact the Conference Office, Division of Continuing Education, The University of Lethbridge, Alberta T1K 3M4, phone: (403) 329-2427.

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Labour Dispute Touches Off Walkout

by Jim Crow

Twelve Urban Manor Residence staff members walked off their jobs last month after a total breakdown in communication with the manor's board of directors.

Functioning as a home for the destitute in Edmonton's downtown core, the residence closed down the day after its 70-odd inhabitants were sent to a single men's hostel, thereby ensuring a place for them to hang their collective hat until the dispute is resolved. The staff decided to walk after a last ditch attempt to iron out disputes with the board failed.

A spokesman for the manor's staff said the board "seemed to be

talking in circles", when it came to getting things done.

The dispute initially began when former director Brian Clem handed in his resignation, and then quickly changed his mind when he found out the new director, Jodi Haggerty, was bent on altering the entire philosophy of Urban Manor.

Clem asked the board to immediately withdraw his resignation, but the board

refused, even though there was strong moral support from his former employees. Staff members were also very concerned with the proposed changes Haggerty intended to make.

In the past several weeks, other issues have arisen which are aggravating former employees. A major concern is the legitimacy of the board of directors. According to former staff members, the board failed to file

proper documents that give the society legal recognition.

These allegations have in fact been confirmed by Dr. Neil Webber, minister of Social Services. As a result, former employees now believe the board is an illegal society, and as such, its decisions should not be binding.

Just recently, the employees formed a new group called Alberta Homeless Human Rights Society.

More Native TV In The Works

by Jim Crow

The Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) has announced a policy framework designed to

improve the quality and quantity of access by northern Native broadcasters to the entire Canadian broadcasting system.

The Commission calls upon private broadcasters, Canadian Satellite Communication Inc. (CANCOM), and the CBC to each play a co-operative role to this end.

The Commission will also establish an Action Committee to deal with the problems of fair access. The committee will be comprised of representatives from Native communications societies, private and educational broadcasters, the CBC, and the Native Citizens Directorate.

"These initiatives reflect the Commission's ongoing concern with Native

broadcasting that goes back to the CRTC's beginning," said

CRTC Vice-chairman Real Therrien. "The Commission has long recognized that Native broadcasting is a fundamental element of the Canadian broadcasting system. The continued development of native broadcasting will play an integral role in reinforcing the unique cultural and linguistic distinctions of Canada's Native peoples."

The purpose of the policy is to ensure that Native broadcasters have fair access to a reasonable amount of quality broadcast time. Because of the diversity of interests and the wide-ranging nature of Native broadcasting, the Commission has adopted a flexible approach in implementing its policy.

Among other things, the Commission suggested private broadcasters should provide free air-time — five hours a week for television and 20 hours a week for radio — to Native broadcasters in each of the 13 northern regions.

The Commission also encouraged the CBC to allow increased integration of Native-produced programs by re-examining its scheduling priorities, so as to provide more Native access to the CBC Northern Television Service.

PETER CUNNINGHAM

1911 - 1985

The Metis people have lost a leader who served them with dignity and dedication through the last thirty years.

Peter Cunningham passed away at the High Prairie Regional Hospital on December 30, 1985 and was buried at the Pevine Metis Settlement on January 4, 1986.

Peter Cunningham was born at Lac Ste. Anne, Alberta on September 24, 1911, to Albert and Betsy Cunningham. He came from a large family that consisted of 31 brothers and sisters. His father moved from the Lac Ste. Anne when he was 2 years old and settled in the Jossard area.

As a young man, he worked with his father hauling freight with horses between various communities in the Peace River country as well as becoming involved in the logging.

He married Nora Andrews on February 9, 1932. Initially they lived in the Jossard area moving to Grouard in 1950 before settling in the Pevine Metis Settlement in 1953.

As one of the initial settlers on the Pevine Settlement, he continued his involvement in logging as a source of livelihood and branched out into mixed farming and ranching. As an elected representative of the Metis Settlement, he was instrumental in procuring better services for his community which included schools, roads and improved housing conditions. He encouraged his people to build the economic strength of their community through various kinds of activities which would bring economic security to the settlement and its members.

He had a special love for young people opening his home to many nephews, nieces and many other foster children. He taught his children to be competitive and independent. He instilled in the young people that he worked with a drive for excellence whether he worked with them as individuals or in groups. His commitment to young people and his encouragement for sports activities allowed the young people involved in the ball team known as "The Pevine Rangers" to win the Native Canadian Championships in Fastball.

He was a man with strong beliefs and great determination. He was proud of his Native heritage and identity. Though he was strong he had a kind and uniquely gentle heart always willing to share what he had with those in need.

The dignity, compassion, strength and leadership that Peter Cunningham exercised during his life will be sorely missed by the many who came to know him.

He is survived by his wife Nora, 11 boys and 2 girls, 53 grandchildren, and 25 great-grandchildren. He was pre-deceased by one daughter; his parents Albert and Betsy; four sisters, Marie, Anne, Virginia, Agnes and Helen; and by three brothers, Charles, John and Joe.

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THREE TO FOUR MONTHS BEFORE . . .

- ☐ Decide which type of wedding you both want.
- ☐ Determine the date and time of the ceremony, whether at church or at home, and confirm your plans with your clergyman.
- ☐ Start the guest list for invitations and announcements. Have parents start theirs as well. These details are necessary before going any further, as the size of the reception hall depends greatly on the number of guests.
- ☐ Reservations with the caterer should be made now so that you can ensure that the hall is available before ordering invitations. It is

advisable to enquire at this time about catering, decorators, linen, etc.

- ☐ Once these details are complete, you are ready to order invitations and any wedding stationary required.
- ☐ Decide on both yours, and the groom's attendants, and ask them now so they will have time to make presentations.
- ☐ Select your bridal gown and accessories.
- ☐ Plan the bridal party's attire. Begin with your colour scheme before deciding on either men's or women's outfits and compare shades and colours.
- ☐ Assist both mothers in selecting their attire.
- ☐ The florist should be contacted now to arrange flowers for
 - ☐ yourself
 - ☐ your attendants
 - ☐ the church
 - ☐ the place of the reception and
 - ☐ the families.
- ☐ A photographer should be contacted at this time, so that you are sure he is available on your day.
- ☐ Complete your honeymoon plans. Purchase tickets, obtain passports and all necessary documents if you plan to travel abroad.

It's Showtime, Folks

by Hy Chappard

The finishing touches to a deal that will see a weekly half-hour Native music show on the CBC are almost complete.

Negotiations between the American Musician's Federation and the producers of Native Nashville North are virtually sealed, and you can expect to see the show later this month.

The Nashville North series began on a community cable station in Edmonton some four years ago. In the two years the show was on the air, performers and crew members alike gave their all to make the series as entertaining and informative as possible.

Native country bands, models, artists and many people behind the scenes gave their time free of charge, and it now appears all that effort is about to pay off big.

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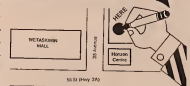
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TWO WEEKS BEFORE . . .

- ☐ Finalize arrangements with:
 - ☐ the caterers
 - ☐ reception hall
 - ☐ florist
 - ☐ photographers
 - ☐ wedding cake
- ☐ Arrange seating plan for the reception to avoid confusion at the head table.

ONE WEEK BEFORE . . .

- ☐ Inform your attendants of the time and place of the rehearsal and rehearsal party.
- ☐ Arrange transportation to the church for your attendants, your mother, and yourself.
- ☐ Give last minute count of guest to your caterer.

- ☐ For pictures that are to be taken at your home before the ceremony, make sure your attendants are there at least one hour before the ceremony.

THE DAY BEFORE . . .

- ☐ The Best man should be given the honorarium to give to the clergyman, your wedding bands and the marriage licence for safekeeping.
- ☐ Pack for your honeymoon.
- ☐ Review all duties with your attendants.

YOUR WEDDING DAY . . .

- ☐ The bride and her attendants should be dressed and ready for the photographer at least one hour before leaving for the church.

- ☐ Make sure the Maid of Honour and the Best Man have the wedding bands.
- ☐ Ushers should arrive at the church at least one hour before the ceremony.
- ☐ Bridgroom and Best Man arrive at least half an hour before the ceremony.
- ☐ Bride and Bridesmaids arrive just a few minutes before the ceremony.
- ☐ Bride's family and relatives sit on the left side facing the altar, and the Groom's family and relatives sit on the right side.
- ☐ Ushers escort the bride's mother to the front row on the left.
- ☐ Ushers escort the groom's parents to the front row on the right.
- ☐ The Wedding March begins.

Responsibilities of Wedding Party Members

BEST MAN

- ☐ To organize the bachelor dinner
- ☐ To look after the wedding rings, marriage licence and the clergyman's honorarium.
- ☐ To ensure the ushers are on call before the ceremony is scheduled to start.
- ☐ To accompany the groom to the church at least one half hour prior to the ceremony.
- ☐ To provide transportation for bride and groom after the ceremony.
- ☐ May take the role of Master of Ceremonies at the reception.

USHERS

- ☐ To help the Best Man organize the bachelor party.
- ☐ To be available for the rehearsal.
- ☐ To be at church one hour before the ceremony.
- ☐ Offer right arm to each guest and seat on left side for guests of the bride; and right side for guests of the groom
- ☐ Escort the mothers of the bride and groom to their seats.
- ☐ Transportation of the bridesmaids after the ceremony.
- ☐ To be available to assist the Best Man in any of his duties.

MAID OF HONOUR

- ☐ To carry groom's ring to the ceremony.
- ☐ Holds the bride's bouquet during the ceremony and assists her with veil and train.

BRIDESMAIDS

- ☐ To be available for the rehearsal.
- ☐ To assist the Maid of Honour in every way in her service to the bride.

DUTIES OF MASTER OF CEREMONIES

- ☐ Requests the guests to be seated.
- ☐ After the guests have been seated, the Master of Ceremonies asks for the Blessing or Grace to be said, naming the person who is to give it.
- ☐ After the bride and groom have finished eating dinner, the Master of Ceremonies introduces the head table.

- ☐ He then announces the toast to the bride, naming the person who is to give it.
- ☐ Then announces any other toasts that may be given at this time.
- ☐ The Master of Ceremonies if not the best man, asks him to read any messages or telegrams that may have arrived.
- ☐ He then announces that the bride and groom will now cut the cake.
- ☐ Later in the evening when the wedding bouquet is to be thrown, he announces this.
- ☐ The Master of Ceremonies can relax, now, as after the bride has thrown her bouquet, his job is finished.

help and for giving him such a lovely bride. He thanks his own parents for all their help to him throughout his life. The groom then comments on the attractive bridesmaids and proposes a toast to them.

A Guide for The Best Man's Speech

The best man replies to the toast given by the groom to the bridesmaids. He introduces the bridal party and states what an honour it is to be the best man. He then shares a few of the more humorous moments in the groom's past. He expresses his best wishes for the future to the bride and groom as a couple and reads any messages or telegrams that may have been received.

SPEECHES AND TOASTS:

ORDER OF TOASTS

To the Bride: by a clergyman or friend of the bride's family, not a relative.

Response: by the groom

To the Bridesmaids: by the Best Man where he includes his speech to the groom.

To the Parents of the Bride: by the Best Man or Master of Ceremonies.

Response: by the father of the bride.

To the Parents of the Groom: by the best man or Master of Ceremonies.

Response: by the father of the groom.

Telegrams or message should be read at this time.

A Guide for the Groom's Speech:

The groom expresses thanks for the very nice remarks about the bride. He then thanks all the guests and may name the out of town guests; and thanks everyone for their good wishes. The groom thanks the bride's parents for all their



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